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1. MID-YEAR PLAN FULFILLMENT INDICATED FEW SURPRISES, SOME STRONG GAINS, AND SUGGESTIONS OF ANOTHER GOOD HARVEST YEAR.

2. SPRING SOWING REPORTEDLY WAS COMPLETED ON LARGER AREAS THAN EXPECTED. PLANS WERE OVER-FULFILLED ON STATE AND COLLECTIVE FARMS FOR SPRING WHEAT, RICE, CORN FOR GRAIN, COTTON, SUGARBEETS
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AND OTHER CROPS.

3. THE ANNOUNCED TOTAL SOWN AREA FOR ALL CROPS IN 1974 WAS 216 MILLION HECTARES -- 1.5 MILLION HECTARES GREATER THAN THAT REPORTED FOR 1973.

4. GRAIN CROPS WERE SOWN ON 129.7 MILLION HECTARES -- WHEAT ACCOUNTING FOR 59.9 MILLION HECTARES; THIS IS FIVE PERCENT LOWER THAN THAT HARVESTED IN 1973.

5. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY NUMBERS ON STATE AND COLLECTIVE FARMS FOR JULY 1, 1974 COMPARED TO JULY 1, 1973 SHOW THE FOLLOWING:

	JULY 1, 1973	JULY 1, 1974
MILLION HEAD		
CATTLE	81.3	84.0
OF WHICH COWS	26.0	26.8
HOGS	51.8	54.5
SHEEP AND GOATS	139.6	145.8
POULTRY	521.6	557.1

6. PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS ON STATE AND COLLECTIVE FARMS SHOWS AN EIGHT PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE FIRST HALF YEAR OF 1973 FOR MILK AND 12 PERCENT FOR EGGS. PRODUCTION OF MEAT INCREASED NINE PERCENT, BEEF AND VEAL INCREASING EIGHT PERCENT, PORK 11 PERCENT, AND POULTRY 20 PERCENT. PRODUCTION OF MUTTON WAS AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THAT OF 1973. THE AVERAGE MILK YIELD PER COW INCREASED FIVE PERCENT AND THE TOTAL EGGS PER HEN THREE PERCENT.

7. GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF MEAT PRODUCTS FROM ALL CATEGORIES OF FARMS SHOW THE FOLLOWING IN TERMS OF LIVE WEIGHT:

	FIRST HALF OF 1973	*84 5 #-)* 9* 1974
MILLION METRIC TONS		
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	6.8	ND
EGGS	15.7	17.4

8. AGRICULTURE RECEIVED 31.4 MILLION TONS OF FERTILIZER -- 2.7 MILLION TONS MORE THAN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1973. THE PRODUCTION OF 947 THOUSAND TONS OF FEED PHOSPHATES WAS 266 THOUSAND TONS MORE THAN 1973.

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9. CONSUMERS REPORTEDLY BENEFITED FROM THE GOOD PRODUCTION RESULTS. BASED ON RETAIL TRADE IN GOVERNMENT AND COOPERATIVE STORES SALES OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS IN UNCHANGED PRICES INCREASED SIX PERCENT OVER THE FIRST HALF YEAR OF 1973, FISH FIVE PERCENT, ANIMAL FATS FIVE PERCENT, VEGETABLE OIL EIGHT PERCENT, MARGARINE FIVE PERCENT, CHEESE SIX PERCENT, EGGS 11 PERCENT, VEGETABLES 16, PERCENT, FRUIT 15 PERCENT, AND POTATOES TWO PERCENT. SUGAR SALES WERE THE SAME AS 1973 AND BREAD AND BREAD PRODUCTS WERE

DOWN, 99 PERCENT OF 1973.

10. PRELIMINARY FORECASTS OF CROP PRODUCTION CONTINUE TO BE FIRM AND POSITIVE.

11. THE SIGNIFICANT GAINS IN PROCESSED PRODUCTS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1973 -- VEGETABLE OIL 50 PERCENT, MEAT PRODUCTS 12 PERCENT, AND CHEESE NINE PERCENT ALL REFLECT THE GOOD HARVEST RESULTS AND LIVESTOCK FEED SUPPLIES REPORTED FOR 1973.
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